

Committee and the Legislative Audit Committee, and is a member of the House Appropriations Committee. Her excellent record in the State House has earned her the Legal Reform Summit State Legislative Award from the United States Chamber of Commerce, as well as numerous awards and recognition from Colorado businesses and organizations.

Tambor's efforts to better her community include extensive involvement with civic organizations. She is an active member of the City of Greeley Mayor's Advisory Board, a member of the Commission of Judicial Performance and member of the Weld County Local Emergency Planning Committee. Tambor's involvement also has included serving as board chair of Union Colony Civic Center, board member for Parent Child Learning Center, board member of Right to Read, and serves as post advisor for the Explorer Scouts.

Mr. Speaker, it is quite clear that State Representative Tambor Williams is a person who possesses dedication and commitment to her life long pursuit of public service. It is not only her incredible devotion, but also her passion for contributing towards the betterment of the Weld County community and the State of Colorado that I wish to bring before this body of Congress and this nation. It is my distinct pleasure to honor Tambor here today, and wish her and her husband Jim all the best in their future endeavors.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING DAVID LEE RAUCH PARKS

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, David Lee Rauch Parks has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, David Lee Rauch Parks has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, David Lee Rauch Parks has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, David Lee Rauch Parks must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Therefore, I join with Troop 312 and David's family and friends in congratulating David Lee Rauch Parks as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was also unavoidably absent from this Chamber on April 20, 2004. I would like the record to show that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 118, 119 and 120.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote Nos. 118 and 119, I was unavoidably detained at the White House. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" for each bill.

HONORING ANNETTE GARNETT, JOHN THICH AND BRUCE DIN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the courageous and selfless acts of three Monterey County residents currently employed at Monterey Credit Union, a local financial institution. Annette Garnett, John Thich and Bruce Din saved their fellow employees from certain danger when approached by a disgruntled and armed former employee.

On the morning of March 17, Annette Garnett, a four-year veteran of the Monterey Credit Union, was approached and threatened by Douglas Chase, a former employee that had been arrested just a day earlier on weapons charges. In an attempt to free Ms. Garnett from Chase's hold, John Thich and Bruce Din, both employed for less than a month at the time of the event, wrestled the attacker to the ground and successfully disarmed him. They were also able to immobilize Chase until police arrived to take him into custody.

I am deeply moved by the compassion and bravery these employees exhibited and I believe they should truly be heralded as heroes. There is no way of estimating the potential danger that could have incurred if the response to Chase's attack had been less effective. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of our community, I commend these three outstanding citizens for risking their lives in hope of protecting those of others.

ON THE OCCASION OF HIS EXCELLENCE PRESIDENT ZINE EL ABIDINE BEN ALI OF THE REPUBLIC OF TUNISIA VISITING WASHINGTON, DC, AT THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my most heartfelt welcome to President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, President of Tunisia, on his visit to the U.S. on February 18, 2004. President Ben Ali has been an unstinting friend and ally in the war on terror. Thereby, he has maintained and nurtured an alliance between the U.S. and Tunisia that has existed for over two centuries, dating back to the Treaty of Peace of 1797.

It has been the hallmark of the Honorable Ben Ali's tenure as President of Tunisia, to in-

stitute meaningful and lasting reforms in several spheres. President Ben Ali has taken the lead role in the region as a consistent and ardent supporter of women's rights. His reform endeavors carry over into the area of economic modernization under the auspices of ambitious educational reform and investment in technology and infrastructure. The great people of West Virginia can certainly appreciate these advancements as they themselves continue to spearhead similar ventures through top-notch technology training institutes and initiatives.

Mr. Speaker, for all of these reasons, I am honored to welcome His Excellency President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali on his visit to the United States in order to meet with President Bush.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MOFFAT COUNTY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise and pay tribute to Moffat County in my home state of Colorado. Recently, the United States Department of Agriculture, along with the Department of the Interior, recognized Moffat County for the excellence of its Wildland Fire and Fuel Management Plan. The County has developed an innovative approach to combating the threat of catastrophic wildfire, and I am honored to recognize its dedication to the safety of its citizens.

Over the past two and a half years, officials from Moffat County have worked in conjunction with local residents, wildfire experts and government agencies to implement a comprehensive system for hazardous fuels reduction and fire suppression. As a result of these efforts, Moffat County has created a model countywide fire plan that provides a template for the implementation of similar programs in rural communities nationwide.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise and pay tribute to Moffat County. The County's commitment to integrating the needs and desires of the local community into their fire planning is certainly deserving of our praise. I am proud of Moffat County and its tireless dedication to the protection and betterment of its citizens.

PUTTING PREVENTION FIRST

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Pro-choice Caucus Co-Chairs—Congresswoman SLAUGHTER, Congressman GREENWOOD, Congresswoman DEGETTE, and Congresswoman JOHNSON for disregarding partisan lines and working together for the safety of women and to secure women's reproductive rights. I am proud to be an original cosponsor to such a comprehensive piece of legislation that does not focus on controversy but on preventive care and education.

Those who consider themselves pro-choice do not agree on many issues with those who